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Directions to the Non-commissioned Officers Commanding the Quarter guard of the South Massachusetts Regiment.

As the Honour and Reputation of a Regiment greatly Depends on the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers being well acquainted with their Duty; The Colonel has put into your Hands one of the Books of Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Army, which you will Carefully attend to, particularly, Article third, fourth, fifth and Sixth from page 102 to 117th and from page 140th to 154th. As you are Accountable that your Guard perform their Duty with the most perfect exactness you will pay the greatest attention to Instruct them in all parts of their Duty during your Tour.

All Sentries are to be Vigilant on their posts; Neither are they to Sing, Smoke tobacco, nor suffer any Noise to be made near them — They are not to set Down, lay their Arms out of their Hands or Sleep.

They are to Have a watchfull Eye Over the things committed to their Charge; not suffer any of them to be removed or taken away, Untill they have Orders from the Corporal of the guard for it. They are not to suffer any One to touch, or handle their Arms, or in the Night time to come within Reach of them; They are not to suffer any Light or fire to be Made near them in the Night Time.

And whatever Orders they may receive they are to Execute them with the Utmost Exactness, As the safety of a Camp may often Depend on the Due performance of them.

You will post one sentinel in front of each Battalion by Day with Orders to suffer no Irregularities or Disorder — One at the Commanding Officers Quarters, and one at the guard House

At Night the Sentinel in front of the second Battalion will be removed to the street in front of the Officers Huts — Both Sentries During the Night will walk from right to the Left of the Regiment paying strickt Attention if any Fire should break out that the Regiment is Immediately Alarm'd.

After being relieved you will

Make Report of the Strength of your guard, the Number with
of Sentries, and Prisoners, with their Names, and Com-
panies they Belong to, how long they have been
Confined and by whom.— The Number of water
Coats and Every other publick Article in the guard
House. Also the Non Comm.d officer you relieved & Condition he left the
guard House No Prisoners is to be released from the guard
but by the order of the Commanding Officer of
the Regiment.

By applying to the Commanding
Officer of the Regiment every Morning paper
will be furnished to Make out the Report.—

These Orders with the Book of Regula-
tions, will be given to the Non Commissioned Officers
of New Jersey Letters will mentioned in the Report

Head Qrs 1st Massachusetts Brigade
January 28th 1783

Henry Jackson Colonel
1st Massachusetts Regiment

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